

A bill to incorporate the Clarksville and Red River Turnpike Company—read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to incorporate the Victoria Lodge, No. 9, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows—read first time.

On motion of Mr. Day, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 28, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President *pro tem.* pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parker presented the petition of Andrew C. Walters; read, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Truit presented the petitions of William Hughs and of S. C. Henderson, asking for lands; read, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Armstrong, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to require the return of field-notes in certain cases, reported a substitute therefor, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Levi P. Lockhart, reported a bill for their relief, which was read first time.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill allowing assessors and collectors to employ deputies, reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Williams, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to amend the 17th section of the act to incorporate the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad Company, reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the People's Line of Gulf Steamers, reported the same back, with the following amendments, and recommended their adoption, and the passage of the bill:

Amend by adding to the third section of the bill, "provided, however, should the said company at any time extend their trips to Corpus Christi, they shall not charge exceeding twenty dollars for each passenger, nor over twenty cents per foot for freight, with all other charges in the same proportion; and provided, that should they hereafter freight to the Sabine Pass, the rates of freight or passage shall not exceed that to Galveston." Amend further by filling the blank in the ninth section with the word "instalment."

Mr. Williams made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the memorial of John A Ragan of the State of Louisiana, in reference to the draining of the lakes in this State, have instructed me to report that they have had the memorial under consideration, and find that the offer made by the memorialist is rather too vague, and not sufficiently explicit. There are lakes in this State which it would be inexpedient to drain.—Had the memorialist specified the lakes he offers to drain, your committee could have judged of the necessity or utility of it; but as a general thing, the committee believe it inexpedient to act upon the matter, and beg leave to be discharged from any further consideration of the memorial. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mr. Williams, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Clarks-ville and Red River turnpike company, reported the same back with amendments, and recommended their adoption:

In section one, strike out "thirty years," and insert "twenty years." In third section, strike out "thirty years," and insert "twenty years." In section twelve, strike out all of said section down to the words "this act," in fourth line.

Mr. Eddy, chairman of the committee on Printing, made the following report:

The committee on Printing, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act regulating the public printing, approved March 8, 1848, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same to the Senate, with the following amendments:

Amend the caption as follows: after the word amend, insert the "second and seventh sections of."

Amend by inserting an additional section as follows:

"Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the second section of an act regulating the public print-

ing, approved March 8, 1848, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows, viz :

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That there shall be printed by the public printer, two thousand five hundred copies of the laws of a general nature, and five hundred copies of all acts for private relief, and all acts incorporating towns, cities, institutions of learning, and private associations of every nature, and five hundred copies of the journals of each House, and the same number of copies of the laws and journals of each session hereafter to be held, until otherwise provided by law ; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate, and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to hand over to the Secretary of State the original copies of the journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, whose duty it shall be to superintend the printing and publishing of the laws and the journals."

Amend first (second) section, thirteenth line, after the word "laws" insert, "and fifteen hundred copies of the decisions of the supreme court."

Amend the second (third) section by striking out the three first lines.

Mr. Reaves, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed, to wit :

A bill to authorize the Comptroller of the State of Texas to issue duplicate certificates to the heirs of John Riddle, deceased,

A bill to authorize David Hill to build a bridge across the Sabine River.

A joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to procure the establishment of a mail route from Sabine Pass to Jefferson.

A bill for the relief of Theresa Tyler.

And a bill for the relief of Wm. Cummins, Robert T. Hughes and Reuben Crawford.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to change the name of the county seat of Bell county ; read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Eddy, a bill to incorporate the People's Line of Gulf Steamers, was taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to amend an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, which was read a first time.

The following bills from the House were severally read a third time and passed, to wit :

A bill to admit Joseph A. W. Everett, Samuel A. Willson, Roger Q. Mills and Harman A. Perryman to practice law in the several courts of this State.

A bill for the relief of Penelope Newsom, daughter and heir of Robert Conn, deceased ; and

A bill for the relief of John Powers.

The following bills of the Senate were severally read a third time and passed, to wit :

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to procure the establishment of a mail route from Sabine Pass to Jefferson in Cass county.

A bill for the relief of Theresa Tyler ; and

A bill for the relief of William Cummins, Robert T. Hughs and Reuben Crawford.

A bill to authorize the Comptroller of the State of Texas to issue duplicates of land scrip to the heirs of Robert Riddle, deceased ; read.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend by adding to section 1, "provided, that the loss of the said scrip shall be advertised for sixty days, as in other cases, before such duplicates shall issue."

On motion of Mr. Scott, the bill and amendment were referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to authorize David Hill to construct a bridge across the Sabine river ; read third time, and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Burleson, Dancy, Davis, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Hill, Merriman, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Sterne, Truit, Williams and Wilson—18.

NAYS—None.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to repeal all laws heretofore enacted incorporating the town of San Augustine.

Also, that the House had passed a bill, (originating in the Senate,) to amend the estray law, approved February 8th, 1850, with amendments.

Also, that the House concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill to permit Mary Madison to remain in this State.

A bill for the relief of Humphrey T. Chappell ; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Hill, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Walter Gibbes, of Liberty county, with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims,

recommending amendments; was read, report adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

A bill to incorporate Victoria Lodge, No. 9, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate Milam Masonic Female Institute, in the county of Bowie; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Education.

A bill granting certain powers to the corporation of Galveston city; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Hart, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF TEXAS, {
Austin, November 28, 1851. }

To the Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body, that the following bills which were presented at this department by the Hon. Thomas H. Duggan, as chairman of the Enrolling Committee, received my official sanction under the respective dates herein designated, viz:

An act to change the name of Mary Angeline Middleton, to that of Mary Angeline Gill, passed November 17th, 1851, approved November 24th, 1851.

An act to incorporate the Jasper Collegiate Institute; passed November 19th, 1851, approved November 24th, 1851.

An act to amend an act to create the county of Freestone; approved December 6th, 1850; passed November 19th, 1851, approved November 24th, 1851.

An act authorizing the county court of Cameron county to levy a special tax for two years; passed November 19th, 1851, approved November 24th, 1851.

An act to incorporate the town of Jasper; passed November 19, 1851, approved November 24, 1851.

P. H. BELL.

A bill granting Thomas Cevallos permission to remain in this State; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill for the relief of W. D. Thompson & Co., assignees of John Simons; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill concerning the recording of marriage licenses; read second time.

Mr. Reaves moved to lay the bill on the table—lost.

On motion of Mr. Hill, it was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of Julia Buchanan ; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill for the relief of persons who have obtained land certificates from the county court of Grimes county, (the records of which have been destroyed by fire,) between July 1st, and December 31, 1848 ; read second time, and passed to third reading.

A bill to remove certain Spanish records hereinafter described from the general land office to the county clerk's office of Refugio county ; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, laid on the table.

A bill concerning the investment of the funds of minors ; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Anderson J. Harrison ; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on the Militia.

A bill to incorporate Goodman's turnpike company ; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Dancy, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

The report of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the People's Line of Gulf steamers, offering amendments thereto ; was read.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the report was amended by inserting before "Corpus Christi," the words "Aransas Pass, or."

The report as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Gray moved to amend by adding to the tenth section, "and the stock certificates, bonds and notes of said company shall be transferred only on the books of the company."

Adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, was suspended by a constitutional vote. Bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Burleson, Dancy, Davis, Doane, Eddy, Grimes, Hill, Merriman, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Sterne, Taylor, Truit, Williams and Wilson—18.

NAYS—Mr. Gray—1.

A bill to repeal all laws heretofore enacted incorporating the town of San Augustine.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate

that the House had passed the following bills, originating in the House, to wit :

A bill to amend "an act to regulate proceedings in the district court," approved May 13, 1846 ;

A bill to amend the tenth section of an act to organize the district courts, and define their powers and jurisdiction ;

A bill for the relief of W. W. Wooten, assignee of David Lloyd ;

A bill to indemnify the owners for the loss of the slaves executed for capital offences ; and

A bill for the relief of the persons taken prisoners by the Mexican army at the Mission of Refugio in 1841 ; which were severally read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the Secretary of the Senate was instructed to return to the House of Representatives, a bill to amend the estray law, approved February 8, 1850, and request that the amendments made by the House be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, November 29, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present—the journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of John S. Thorp and others, asking an amendment of the constitution, etc. ; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Day presented the memorials of sundry citizens of Austin and Washington counties ; referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, made the following report :

The Finance committee, to whom was referred the memorial of William Smith, Sheriff of Starr county, praying for extra pay for conveying three convicts from the county seat of Starr county to the State Penitentiary, have had the subject under consideration, and report that they find that the act to establish a State Penitentiary provides for the payment of Sheriffs for such services, but this act does not appear to contemplate that more than one convict would be taken at the same time,